

**Tupelo Major Thoroughfare Program  
Minutes  
August 10, 2015**

Members present: Hudson Bryan, Eddie Carnathan, Bill Cleveland, C W Jackson, Ernie Joyner, Greg Pirkle, Theodore Roach, Drew Robertson, Kay Trapp, Betty Wood

Members not present: Ken Burton, Jeffery Gladney, Gunner Goad, Stuart Johnson, J D Moore, Jamie Osborn, Wesley Webb

Others in attendance: John Crawley, Thomas Beard, Don Lewis, Kim Hanna, Ben Logan, Chuck Williams, Johnny Timmons, John White, Dustin Dabbs

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Greg Pirkle.

Mr. Pirkle asked the Committee to review and approve the minutes of the July 13, 2015, Major Thoroughfare Program meeting. With no discussion, minutes were approved unanimously.

Kim Hanna presented the Major Thoroughfare Phase V Budget Report for the period ending July 31, 2015. Beginning cash balance was \$2,674,578. Revenue from Property Tax Exemption and Interest Earned totaled \$85,611. Actual expenditures totaled \$261,821 with payments to personnel cost of \$6,924, Key Construction on East Main Project in the amount of \$119,279, and final payout on South Gloster project in the amount of \$135,618. Ending cash balance was \$2,498,368.

John Crawley gave updates on the current projects.

**SOUTH GLOSTER STREET**

The contractor (APAC) was released of maintenance effective November 19, 2014. Final payment was paid to APAC. Final paperwork has been submitted to MDOT and awaiting their approval.

**NATCHEZ TRACE BRIDGE**

Awaiting replacement of dead landscaping items and repair/replanting of some grass slope areas. Work will be done at Contractor's expense.

**EAST MAIN STREET (GREEN STREET TO VETERANS)**

Contractor is currently working on removal of south side of Mud Creek bridge. Contractor is continuing installation of new street lighting and construction of sidewalk. Work is progressing on the downtown sidewalk section. Storm drainage items have been installed

and contractor is currently working on sidewalk areas on north side of Main between Broadway and Spring Street. Contractor has completed the deck slab on the north side of the relief bridge between Town Creek and Mud Creek (sidewalk and rail remain to be completed). Work has begun on the roadway widening on the south side of Main Street in the month of July) the Contractor was 47% complete after using 48% of the contract time.

#### **THOMAS STREET / HWY 6 INTERCHANGE**

Deeds have been obtained from City Attorney and preliminary contact with one property owner has been made.


#### **NEW BUSINESS**

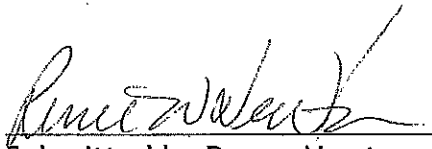
Discussion was brought forth on the recommendations of the Transportation Plan presented by Dustin Dabbs of Civil-Link. Mr. Dabbs answered questions from the Committee about project areas, prioritization, and language in the plan. The Plan presents a broader view of transportation recommendations beyond five-lane thoroughfares. The Plan takes into consideration all types of transportation and areas beyond the major thoroughfare streets. Items discussed included more North/South connections, infrastructure needs, maintenance, signalization, Barnes Crossing and the Mall area, Cliff Gookin at Tupelo High School, Eason Blvd at ICC Campus, and N Veterans Memorial Blvd.

Mr. Pirkle asked if the Committee was read to make recommendations to the City Council. Ms. Wood asked for another month for the Committee to review and discuss options. Mr. Pirkle stated the Committee needs to have the recommendations to City Council by January 2016.

Vote on recommendations planned for regular meeting on September 14, 2015. Members were asked to call Dustin Dabbs or Ernie Joyner with any questions concerning the Plan.

With no further business to be discussed, the meeting was adjourned.

  
Chairman Greg Pirkle

  
Submitted by Renee Newton